

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/668,711

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/19/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 110-134.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 125, lines 1-2, the language "wherein said rearview mirror assembly includes a mirror casing, said casing" has been changed to read --wherein said mirror casing--.

In claim 131, line 2, the language "said support" has been changed to read --said extendible support--.

In claim 132, lines 2 and 3, the language "said support" has been changed to read --said extendible support--.

3. In view of the allowability of claim 110, claims 111-122 and 125-134 previously withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention have been rejoined, the restriction requirement set forth in the communication mailed on 04/15/2004 is hereby withdrawn.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an interior rearview mirror system for a vehicle comprising a rearview mirror assembly, said rearview mirror assembly having a mirror casing, said mirror casing including a reflective element, and a support for mounting said mirror casing to a header portion or a windshield portion of a vehicle whereby adjustment of said rearview mirror assembly provides a rearward view through a rear window of the vehicle

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to a driver of the vehicle when the mirror assembly is mounted in the vehicle; an information display repositionable between a viewing position viewable to an occupant of the vehicle wherein said information display is extended from said mirror casing and a non-viewing position fully retracted in said mirror casing wherein said information display is disposed to the rear of said reflective element and is not viewable by the driver; and said information display comprising a display chosen from a video screen, an incandescent display, a vacuum fluorescent display, an electro-illuminated display, a light emitting diode display, a cathode ray tube display, a field emission display, an E-ink display, and an organic emitting polymer display and displaying one chosen from an output of a camera, vehicle status information, a compass display, a temperature display, a computer display, a train warning display, a clock display and a television image to provide information to a driver of the vehicle or a passenger of the vehicle, wherein said information display is pivotal at least about a generally vertical axis independent of said mirror casing and said reflective element wherein said information display may be adjusted to face the driver of the vehicle or the passenger of the vehicle independent of said mirror casing and said reflective element, as recited in claim 110, lines 3-23.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320.

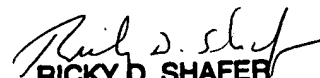
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